



Tucson-Pima Metropolitan Energy Commission

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Whereas

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The Tucson – Pima Metropolitan Energy Commission (MEC) supports renewable energy and energy efficiency;

John Eisele
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The Arizona Corporation Commission, which regulates utilities in Arizona, is reviewing its Environmental Portfolio Standard (EPS) rules and Demand Side Management (DSM) policies in workshops and other proceedings during 2004;

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Southwest Gas Corp.

The Arizona Corporation Commission recently increased the renewable energy percentage in the existing Environmental Portfolio Standard rule to 1.1% by 2007, and is considering other revisions;

Vincent Hunt
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The City of Tucson has implemented renewable energy projects supported by the Environmental Portfolio Standard, and is receiving the benefits of the renewable energy projects;

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The City has also implemented cost-effective energy efficiency and demand-side management (DSM) projects that have provided energy and cost savings for the City;

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Therefore, be it resolved

The Arizona Corporation Commission should eliminate the expiration date in the existing EPS rule.

Valerie Rauluk
Venture Catalyst Inc.

The Arizona Corporation Commission should increase the commitment to renewable energy resources by implementing a Renewable Portfolio Standard of 15-20%, to be achieved by 2020, in addition to the existing EPS. There are large amounts of renewable energy resources available in Arizona, and many of these renewable resources, such as wind energy and landfill gas, are cost effective compared to conventional generation.

Jeffrey Schlegel
Energy Consultant

The Arizona Corporation Commission should pursue cost-effective energy efficiency opportunities by implementing energy savings and peak demand reduction goals, with energy efficiency programs and adequate funding to achieve the goals. Specifically, the Commission should set goals to achieve 7% of total energy resources needed to meet retail load in 2010 from energy efficiency, and 17% in 2020. Funding for energy efficiency programs should be set at a level to achieve such goals, and to assist customers, including local governments and citizens, to capture cost-effective energy efficiency.

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In its deliberations, the Arizona Corporation Commission should consider and move toward efficient and effective administration of the programs, including through consideration of independent administration and a cap on administrative funds.

“Serving as a catalyst for the City of Tucson and Pima County to build a more Sustainable energy future in the region.”